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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Discussions With Senate Government Operations Committee Staff

1. On 26 January 1976 the undersigned, accompanied by [redacted] Office of Legislative Counsel, met with members of the Senate Government Operations Committee Staff at the New Senate Office Building. Staff members present were Mr. Paul Leventhal, Ms. Connie Evans and Mr. David Hoffmeister. X1

2. The Staff members wanted to know how CIA viewed the adequacy of IAEA safeguards in preventing the diversion of fissionable materials to nuclear explosive or weapon use. The reply given was that CIA felt that the IAEA safeguards provide a deterrent to any attempt to divert material but do not provide an absolute guarantee that such diversion could not take place. For this reason the intelligence community is using its assets to monitor all aspects of the nuclear energy programs of potential proliferators to determine if any attempts to divert material are being undertaken.

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4. The Staff was interested in knowing what role CIA plays in the approval of the sale of nuclear equipment and materials by US firms. It was explained that CIA was not responsible for regulating overseas sales but was consulted in some cases for advice as to the extent of technology transfer that would result from such transactions.

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